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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI NIACT IMMEDIATE  
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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T STATE 170912

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, CIVS, KE, ET

SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL ENTRY OF REFUGEE MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN  
ROYAL FAMILY

REFS: A. NAIROBI 9234; B. STATE 169657 NOTAL

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2. DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ADDIS HAD LEARNED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO OF DESIRE OF MR. AND MRS. COLLINS TO SPIRIT AT LEAST FOUR OF THE TEN CHILDREN FROM ETHIOPIA. AT THAT TIME WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH THE BAPTIST BIBLE FELLOWSHIP (BBF), COLLINS' MISSIONARY HEADQUARTERS, WHICH AVAILED ITSELF OF DEPARTMENT CHANNELS TO INFORM COLLINS THAT BBF STRONGLY OPPOSED ANY INTENTION THAT COLLINS MAY HAVE TO REMOVE CHILDREN. DEPARTMENT JULY 21 INFORMED DR. CHARLES BOONSTRA OF BBF BRIEFLY OF PRESENT STATE OF CASE. BOONSTRA WAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF COLLINS' ACTION. WE ARE ALSO IN TOUCH WITH OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN FRENZEL. WE HAVE CAUTIONED BOTH AGAINST PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. WE HAVE ALSO STRESSED OUR BELIEF THAT IF CHILDREN SHOULD END UP IN U.S., THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE REPRISALS AGAINST REMAINING U.S. MISSIONARY OPERATIONS IN ETHIOPIA. VANCE

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